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REMARKS

Claims 1-64 were pending in the application. Claims 2, 4, 6-8, 10-13, 23, 29, 36-45 and 47 have been amended. Claims 1, 46, 48-57 and 61-64 have been cancelled. The specification has been amended to correct informalities. No new matter has been added. Applicant reserves the right to pursue all cancelled claims in a continuation application. Accordingly claims 2-45, 47 and 58-60 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 19-22, 24-28 and 58-61 have been allowed.

II. The § 103 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 7, 10-11, 13-14, 36, 39-42 and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,134,820 ("Martinez") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,069,557 ("Anglin, Jr.").

Claims 4-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martinez in view of Anglin, Jr. and U.S. Patent No. 4,403,274 ("Moore").

Claims 6 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martinez in view of Anglin, Jr. and U.S. Patent No. 5,984,570 ("Parashar").

Claim 43 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martinez in view of Anglin, Jr. and U.S. Patent No. 5,216,418 ("Lenz").

Claims 8, 15-18 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martinez in view of Anglin, Jr. and U.S. Patent No. 5,359,448 ("Laszlo").

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martinez in view of Anglin, Jr. and Turboflare.

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Claims 29-35, 47 and 62-64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martinez in view of Anglin, Jr. and U.S. Patent No. 3,456,103 (“Bond”).

Claim 37 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martinez in view of Anglin, Jr. and U.S. Patent No. 6,310,609 (“Morgenthaler”).

Claims 38 and 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martinez in view of Anglin, Jr. and U.S. Patent No. 5,633,623 ("Campman").

Claims 44, 48-50 and 52-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martinez in view of Anglin, Jr. and U.S. Patent No. 4,590,471 ("Pieroway").

Claim 51 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martinez in view of Anglin, Jr., Pieroway and Laszlo.

Claim 57 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martinez in view of Laszlo.

To expedite prosecution, claims 2, 4, 6-8, 10-13, 23, 29, 36-45 and 47 have been amended to depend (directly or indirectly) from claim 24, which was has been allowed. Claims 2, 4, 6-8, 10-13, 23, 29, 36-45 and 47 should, therefore, be in condition for allowance.

Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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